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Section 63.71 Application of Polar Telcom, Inc. for Authority to Discontinue Certain U.S. Domestic Telecommunications Services	)	WC Docket No. Accepted/Files
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### SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF POLAR TELECOM, INC.

Polar Telcom, Inc. ("Polar"), by its attorneys, hereby requests authority pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act<sup>1</sup> and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> to discontinue the provision of domestic telecommunications services in the Mayville and Portland areas of North Dakota. Polar respectfully requests that the Commission accept this application for streamlined treatment.

Pursuant to Section 63.71, Polar provides the following information in support of its Application:

#### 1. Name and Address of Carrier

Polar Telcom, Inc. 110 East Fourth Street P. O. Box 270 Park River, ND 58270

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. §214(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §63.71.

#### 2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Polar plans to discontinue the services described herein on or after November 18, 2014.

#### 3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

All areas of service in the Mayville and Portland areas of North Dakota will be affected.

#### 4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected

Polar seeks authority to discontinue the provision of competitive local exchange and exchange access services in the areas described in Paragraph 3 of this application.

Approximately 484 customers will be affected.

#### 5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

Polar notified all affected customers of its proposed discontinuance via U.S. Mail on October 10, 2014. A copy of the notification is attached hereto. The notification informed customers that Polar will no longer offer local and long distance service. Polar may send additional follow-up notifications to customers prior to the date of discontinuance.<sup>3</sup>

# Statement of Dominant or Non-Dominant Status with Regard to Discontinued Service Polar is non-dominant with regard to its local exchange and exchange access service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Any further notifications will contain the language required by Section 63.71.

#### 7. Other Information

Pursuant to Section 63.71(a), a copy of this application has been submitted to the Governor of the State of North Dakota, the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense.

The public convenience and necessity is not adversely affected by Polar's proposed discontinuation of service, as its customers have been provided adequate notice and comparable domestic local voice service is offered at competitive prices in the relevant geographic areas.

> Respectfully submitted, POLAR TELCOM, INC.

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To Our Valued Customers in Mayville and Portland:

This letter is to inform you that Polar Telcom, Inc. (Polar Telcom) is discontinuing its local and long distance telephone service offerings in the Mayville and Portland areas. Your current telephone service offering will be discontinued on or shortly after the new effective date of November 18, 2014.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Polar Telcom. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We have enjoyed being a part of the great communities of Mayville and Portland for the past 12 years and appreciate the patronage from our customers and the relationships we have made. Thank you for your business.

Sincerely, Polar Telcom

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#### Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the forgoing Section 63.71 Application of Polar Telcom, Inc. was sent via U.S Mail, postage prepaid, on October 10, 2014, to the following:

North Dakota Public Service Commission 600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Office of the Governor 600 E. Boulevard Avenue Bismarck, ND 58505-0100

Secretary of Defense Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications The Pentagon Washintgon, D.C. 20301

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